

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Olympic Oil, Ltd./Delta Companies Group c/o Thomas W. Dimond, Esq. Ice Miller LLP 200 West Madison Street Suite 3500 Chicago, Illinois 60606-3417

Re:

Olympic Oil Antifreeze Site

5000 West 41st Street, Cicero, Cook County, Illinois

Site Spill Identification Number: C56C

Confirmation of General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Mr. Dimond:

On February 19, 2015, the following oral statement was made to you and Mr. Kent Keutzer, as the representatives for Olympic Oil, Ltd., over the telephone by On-Scene Coordinator Mike Beslow, Associate Regional Counsel Kevin Chow and Enforcement Specialist Debbie Keating, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5:

"The United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into the environment from the Olympic Oil Antifreeze Site in Cicero, Illinois may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or to the environment.

The EPA plans to take the following actions to address the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, including ethylene glycol, at the Olympic Oil Antifreeze Site:

1. Develop and implement a site-specific Health and Safety Plan, Sampling Plan, and Work Plan.

- 2. Assess if ethylene glycol has migrated, or has the potential to migrate, by:
  - a. Sampling the soil vertically to determine the location of ethylene glycol; and
  - b. Sampling the ground water to determine if the ethylene glycol has migrated.

These actions are authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, (also known as CERCLA). Under CERCLA, and other laws, responsible parties may be liable for all costs the Government incurs in taking response action at the site, including investigation, planning, cleanup and enforcement costs.

The EPA believes you are a potentially responsible party at the site because you own or operate the Site; owned or operated the Site at the time of disposal or release of hazardous substances; or generated or were involved in the transport, treatment or disposal of hazardous substances at the Site. Before the Government takes the necessary response actions at the Site, it is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily perform or fund the work required to abate the release or threat of release from the Site. Under Section 104 of CERCLA, potentially responsible parties may be permitted to perform these actions if they can demonstrate their ability to do the work promptly and properly.

Because of the conditions described earlier, the EPA believes that response activities at the Site must begin as quickly as possible. Therefore, the EPA does not intend to use the special notice procedures available under Section 122(e) of CERCLA.

The EPA intends, at the direction of its On-Scene Coordinator, to begin the above actions on February 20, 2015. You must notify the EPA by 5:00 P.M. CST on February 19, 2015, if you wish to perform or fund all of the above actions, or the EPA will begin to take the necessary action at the Site. Please contact Kevin Chow, EPA Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, at 312-353-6181 to provide notice or if you have any questions.

An administrative record which supports the EPA's determination that these actions are appropriate can be made available for your review. Do you have any questions regarding what I have just said?"

This letter is to confirm and reiterate the above oral notice. This letter is also to confirm that your response to the oral notice was that Olympic Oil, Ltd. will perform actions consistent with the actions identified in Items 1 and 2 in the statement above. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact:

Kevin Chow Associate Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 77 West Jackson Boulevard, C-14J Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590 312-353-6181 Mike Beslow On-Scene Coordinator Emergency Response Branch 1, RS-4 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 77 West Jackson Boulevard, SE-5J Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590 312-353-8678

Sincerely,

or

Sam Borries, Chief

Emergency Response Branch 2